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Timely Tidbits ...

New School Board Member Chosen

Kenneth Berlinn, a former Romulus Board of Education member with 19 years of experience, has been chosen by the current Board to replace former President Alan Lambert, who resigned after being elected Mayor of Romulus last month.

Berlinn's appointment will end in June 2002, the date of the next School Board election. In the meantime, he will also continue to serve as a member of the Wayne County RESA (Regional Educational Service Agency) Board, to which he was elected last June.

Holiday Cookie Sale

The Romulus High School culinary arts department is now accepting orders for homemade holiday cookies. Cost per box of two dozen assorted (chocolate chip, sugar, snicker doodle, peanut butter blossom, lemon praline, and Neiman Marcus) is \$4.50. Last day to order is December 17; pickups are set for December 20 and 21. Call 734-941-2170, ext. 701.

Winter Concert

Romulus High School's concert choir and dance classes invite the public to attend their annual Winter Concert, to be held in the school auditorium at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19.

Admission is free.

Pet Pix with Santa

The Romulus Animal Shelter is sponsoring a "Santa Claws" photo op for local pet-owners at the old DPW (corner of Shook and Bibbins, west of Wayne Road) on Saturday, December 15, from 12 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2 per photo.

See You in 2002!

The friendly staff at "the little paper" will be taking a couple of weeks off for a little R&R, so our next issue won't be published until January 11, 2002. We wish our readers a happy, healthy holiday season, and look forward to seeing and serving you next year. □

School Health Clinic Fights for Survival

Following sweeping state budget cuts that eliminated funding for school-based health centers, concerned members of the community are fighting desperately to keep the Romulus Adolescent Health Center (RAHC) open.

The clinic, based in Romulus High School, provided nearly 4,700 services for more than 1,000 adolescents by the year-end 2000, according to RAHC Director Diane Vidovic. On an average day, 30 to 35 students visit RAHC for a variety of reasons, including physicals, immunizations, and treatment for minor illnesses and injuries.

"The current status of Michigan's school-based health centers is now in the hands of the State Budget Director, Don Gilmer," explained Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the Romulus Community Schools. "The Appropriations Committees of both the State Senate and House of Representatives have approved a budget transfer to continue the operation of the centers for the rest of the school year.

"Mr. Gilmer can now approve the transfer, not approve the transfer, or do nothing at all," Kruse continued. "If he chooses to do nothing, the transfer will automatically take place on Friday, December 14.

"Gilmer acts as Governor John Engler's representative on this issue, and will presumably consult with him on the direction that his administration wishes to take with regard to the health centers," he concluded.

In the meantime, concerned citizens have taken the initiative to explore alternative avenues for keeping the Romulus health center open. On Monday, December 3, a 10-person task force met for the first time to discuss the clinic's future. Besides Vidovic, attendees included:

- Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools
- Tom Dolan, Curriculum Director, Romulus Community Schools
- Dan Hurst, Principal, Romulus High School
- Lorraine Wagner, Director, Hegira/Romulus Help Center
- Michael Lott, Director, The Guidance Center (located in Southgate)
- Valerie Overholt, Medical Director, Oakwood Teen Health Centers
- David Ippel, Chief Administrative Officer, Oakwood Healthcare System
- Mayor Alan Lambert, City of Romulus



When State Senator Loren Bennett (fourth from left) visited Romulus High School's school-based health center on December 10, he was given a tour of the facility and an orientation regarding the services offered there. Students who shared their views about the importance of keeping the clinic open included (from left) Amanda Davis, Stacey Gilbert, Kara Coughlin, and Carl Swanigan. Nurse Sherry Nelson is on the right.

- Tom Ellis, member, Mayor Lambert's Transition Team

A second Task Force meeting has been scheduled for January 7, 2002.

On December 10, State Senator Loren Bennett visited the Romulus health center for a tour of the facilities and an orientation regarding the services offered there. He spoke with a number of students who shared stories

about the important role that the clinic has played in their own lives, and discussed their views on the community's need for the health center's continued operation.

Concerned citizens who would like to share ideas about or become actively involved in finding ways to save the Romulus Adolescent Health Center are urged to call Vidovic (734-941-1400). □



Romulus Task Force members meeting to discuss the future of the Romulus Adolescent Health Center included (from left): front row – Diane Vidovic, Director, RAHC; Alan Lambert, Mayor, City of Romulus; Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools; and Lorraine Wagner, Director, Hegira/Romulus Help Center; back row – David Ippel, Chief Administrator, Ambulatory Services, Oakwood Healthcare System; Valerie Overholt, Medical Director, Oakwood Teen Health Centers; Tom Ellis, member, Mayor Lambert's Transition Team; Michael Lott, Director, The Guidance Center; Dan Hurst, Principal, Romulus High School; and Tom Dolan, Curriculum Director, Romulus Community Schools.

Airport's New Runway Unveiled



Barth Elementary School students opened Metro Airport's new runway with the simultaneous "launch" of 25 toy planes during a dedication ceremony held at the Airport on December 11. The runway - 10,000 feet long - cost about \$225 million to construct. Airport officials believe that it will reduce air-traffic-control delay by about 3,000 hours annually.



Romulus Elementary School students Tiara Moton (left) and Carmen Collie (right) received a standing ovation from the crowd of dignitaries at the dedication ceremony following their rendition of "God Bless America." Principal Lynne Mossoian (second from left) and coach/accompanist Ellen Bragg were proud of their efforts.



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**Ward Family Makes Important
Contributions To City, Country**

By Richard Kruse

Brother Lloyd Ward and his sister Cheryle Ward Buckley have both made the Romulus community very proud with their career accomplishments. Cheryle Ward Buckley is the newly elected Treasurer of the Romulus Board of Education and Lloyd Ward has recently been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary General for the United States Olympic Committee.

Cheryle, a 1973 Romulus graduate, is an Administrative Supervisor for Suggestions in Quality Manufacturing at General Motors. She has studied at Wayne County Community College and is currently working on her Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources at Baker College.

Cheryle and her husband Ronald have been active supporters of the Romulus Little League for many years and Cheryle continues to work as an active member of the Romulus Athletic Booster Club. Their son, Ronald Buckley II, is a principal's honor roll student at Romulus High School and a star performer on the Eagle baseball and basketball teams.

Lloyd, a member of the class of 1966, attended Michigan State University on a basketball scholarship and eventually became captain of the Spartan basketball team in his senior year. He then began a fast-track executive career that culminated in a leading executive position at Proctor and Gamble and the CEO position at Maytag Corporation. He also recently became a member of the famed and prestigious Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters Golf Tournament.

Lloyd explained the story of how he went through the formidable recruiting process with the U.S. Olympic Committee. After meeting with the seven-member Search Committee several times and beginning a series of four meetings with the 20-member Executive Board, September 11 happened. He recalled how he went home and discussed the situation with his wife, Lita. He asked her, "Do we really want to do this?" She replied, "It is time for special people to do special things. Let's go for it!"

They both knew that, if successful, Lloyd's future position would require great skill and patience, especially with the 2002 Winter Olympics coming to the U.S. They also knew that they would have to relocate to Colorado Springs from their current Florida home. Lloyd's final presentation to the Olympic Committee was so impressive that he earned the confidence and compliments of officials who awarded him the Chief Executive Officer and General Secretary position over an earlier "favored son." So off to the challenge they went.

**Cheryle Buckley and Lloyd Ward**

Lloyd is in charge of all the security arrangements for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. He noted, "There will be 3,650 athletes in competition and over 9,000 security people involved. I will not discuss any plans with the press because we do not want to let people know what we are doing except that the Olympics will be the most secure place in the world during the games."

Lloyd looks forward to the many opportunities ahead and explained that he could go to a major sporting event every week of the year. His vision for the Olympics: "Our athletes are sent to the games by Americans, not the American government." He hopes to promote this concept to both corporations and individuals, and establish a solid financial support system for future training of U.S. Olympic teams and individuals.

He also talked about his induction into the Augusta National Golf Club and the special ceremony where he was given his "green jacket." Each new member receives the "green jacket" and attends a variety of social events to celebrate the occasion.

Then, on the day after the 2001 Masters, he was in the first group to tee off and play the course, with the same pin placements Tiger Woods had conquered on Sunday. He said, "It was a magical day, walking down the fairways with the tall pines on both sides. The golf course was just so pristine, it was an experience of a lifetime."

Lloyd encourages the youth of Romulus to use his example as an inspiration. "I am living the American dream and all the children in Romulus need to know that this is possible for them. If they work hard, study, get good grades, and excel at their special interests, they can accomplish major feats in life."

The Romulus community is indeed fortunate to have two outstanding role models such as Cheryl and Lloyd, and congratulates them on their accomplishments and wishes them well in all their future endeavors. □

Tennis Team Again Undefeated



Members of the two-time Mega Gold champion Girls' Tennis Team are (from left): front row – Carissa Drobil, Carla Broom, Sabrina Hool, Katie Hale, and Katie Bolus; back row – Coach Dan Stearn, Megan Hatcher, Sabrina Gomes, Andrea Gibson, Deana Hunter, Rachel Broom, Lauren Block, Kristen Brooks, and Hilary Kozma.

Romulus High School's Girls' Tennis Team recently finished its second consecutive 10-0 season and earned its second consecutive Mega Gold Girls' Tennis championship. Veteran coach Dan Stearn was also voted the Mega Girls' Tennis Coach of the Year.

Individual flight champs included

Rachel Broom in #2 singles and Carla Broom in #3 singles. Megan Hatcher garnered second place in #3 singles. Doubles champions included Andrea Gibson and Sabrina Gomes (#1), Kristen Brooks and Lauren Block (#2), Carissa Drobil and Sabrina Gomes (#3), and Falcia Modrzyński and Katie Hale (#4).

Students Write To Servicemen

The kindergarten classes of Cathy Kudra and Phyllis Williams at Halecreek Elementary School recently wrote to Romulus residents serving in the military. The students' special Thank-giving cards thanked the servicemen and -women for the efforts to keep our country safe, and let them know that they are often thought of back home.

Students were very excited when one of their letter recipients – MMI Tyrone Johnson, USN – returned a letter to their classmate, Zachary Huctestein. Johnson wrote:

"Zachary,

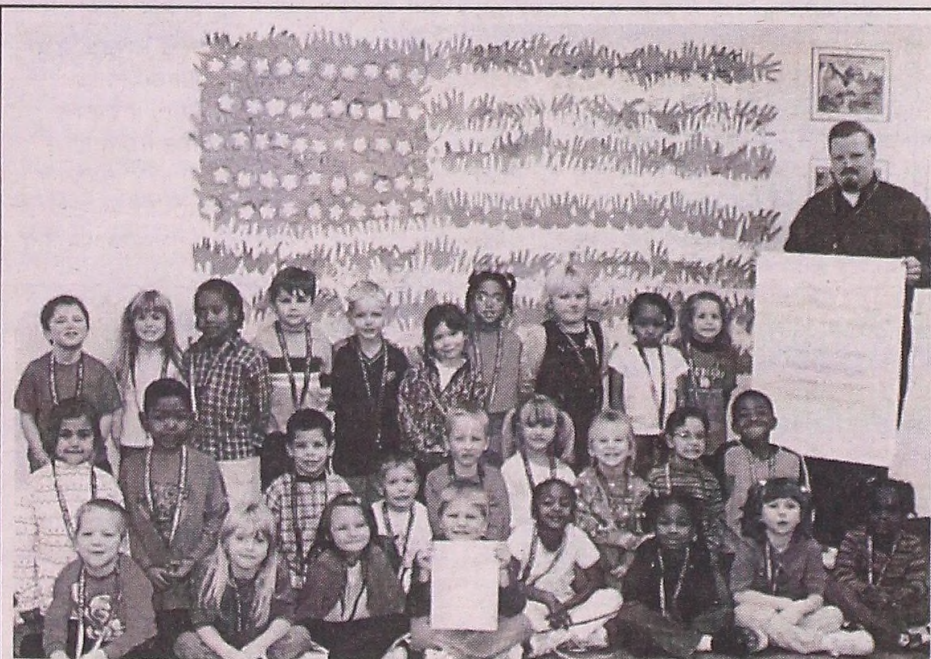
"Thank you for the wonderful card. It is my pleasure to be able to serve my country and people like you and your classmates. You all are a part of what makes this country great.

"I would like to wish you, your classmates, the faculty and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"Sincerely,

"MMI Tyrone Johnson USN"

Johnson also had the U.S. Navy office in Westland send each student a souvenir U.S. Navy lanyard. The students really liked their gifts and proudly wore them around the school. □



Halecreek kindergartners proudly wear the souvenir lanyards they recently received courtesy of MMI Tyrone Johnson, USN, and the U.S. Navy office in Westland. Parent volunteer James Hemming (right) holds an oversized note thanking Johnson for his gifts.

Thanks to Our Veterans, America is Number One. So, When You Wave the Flag Proudly, Wave it Properly too!

It is important to show patriotism, but it is also important to follow the U.S. Flag Code when displaying the Stars and Stripes. Here are answers to frequently asked questions:

OLD GLORY GLOSSARY

Flag Code: U.S. code that provides guidelines for flag etiquette, use and display.

Union: White stars on the field of blue.

Flag's own right: The "right" as the position of honor originates from a time when the right hand was the weapon hand – or a point of danger. The right hand, to an observer, is the observer's left. Therefore, as used in the Flag Code, the flag and / or flag's union is displayed to the observer's left, which is the flag's own right.

Half-staff: Position of the flag when it is at one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. To place a flag at half-staff, it should first be hoisted to the peak for an instant, then lowered to its position. A flag at half-staff indicates that the nation mourns the death of an individual or a group.

SHOWING RESPECT

Pledge of Allegiance: Recite the pledge while standing at attention, facing the flag, right hand over heart, headcoverings removed. Persons in uniform should remain silent and render the military salute.

National Anthem: When the anthem is played, all present should stand at attention, facing the flag (or music if no flag is displayed), right hand over heart, with headcoverings removed. Persons in uniform should remain silent and render the military salute from the playing of the first note until the playing of the final note.

THE TIME IS RIGHT

When to display: An all-weather flag can be flown daily, even during inclement weather. However, you are urged to display the flag on certain days each year:

- New Year's Day
- Inauguration Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
- Lincoln's Birthday
- Washington's Birthday
- Easter Sunday
- Mother's Day
- Armed Forces Day
- Memorial Day*
- Flag Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Constitution Day
- Columbus Day
- Navy Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- Any day proclaimed by the President of the United States
- Anniversaries of states' admission to the Union
- State Holidays

***Half-staff:** The flag should be displayed in this position from sunrise until noon on Memorial Day. Other occasions to place the flag at half-staff include:

- When proclaimed by the president or a governor
- For varying periods of time after the death of a national figure

PERFECT POSITION

Staff display: When displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a window sill, balcony or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.

Display without a staff: When displayed horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right.



In a window, the flag should be displayed for viewing from the street.



When suspended from a rope extending from a house to a pole, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

Night display: A flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

Proper illumination includes a light placed specifically to illuminate the flag or a light source – such as a porch or street light – sufficient to make the flag recognizable as such by a casual observer.

Display with other flags: when other flags are flown on the same halyard as a U.S. Flag, the latter should always be at the peak. When flown from adjacent staffs, the U.S. Flag should be hoisted first and lowered last, with no other flag above it or to the flag's own right.

Casket flags: It is acceptable for a flag used to cover a casket to be used again for any proper display purpose after a funeral. It is, in fact, considered a fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased veteran and their service to a grateful nation.

Folding: The Flag Code does not specify how to fold the flag. The traditional method forms a triangle to symbolize the hat worn by Revolutionary War soldiers.

Learn more: The information on this page is only a small portion of the U.S. Flag Code as interpreted by the American division of The American Legion. For more information on flag etiquette, go to www.legion.org/americanism/flagtoc.htm, or visit your local library.



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GM Powertrain and RHS Join for Special Robotics Project



Representatives of GM Powertrain-Romulus recently presented a check for \$5,000 to Romulus High School for a robotics project and competition to be held this spring. Pictured are (from left): front row – Doug Hoffman, Assistant Principal; Wendy Pachota, math teacher; Terry Bird, robotics teacher; Meryl Gorsline, Director of Engineering, GM Powertrain-Romulus; and Rick O'Donnell, Chairman, UAW Local 163; second row – Shera Williams, Jennifer Camilleri, Deborah Fox, Sarah Breeding, Angela Zajac, Jennifer Sattler, Amelia McCray, and Scott Kennedy; third row – Nick Smith, Joshua Cutliff, Chris Anderson, Brandon Malott, Andrew McNeiland, and Andrew Rodger; fourth row – Brian Longre and Ryan Boyd; back row – Cameron Houck, Jonathon Wilkerson, David Cox, Brad Hindman, Dan McLaughlin, Robert Rice, and Julian Lambert.

General Motors Powertrain-Romulus Engine Operations is working with Romulus High School on a unique robotics project this school year. Meryl Gorsline, the plant's Director of Engineering and Manufacturing, recently presented a check for \$5,000 to High School staff members to fund the project. GM engineers will also be helping with the design and construction.

Assistant Principal Doug Hoffman, math teacher Wendy Pachota, and robotics instructor Terry Bird were all very enthusiastic about the project.

"GM volunteers, High School staff members, and the Romulus Robotics Club will be combining their best efforts to design and construct this special robot," said Bird.

Each year, the U.S. FIRST (For

Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) organization sponsors a national robotics competition. FIRST develops the robotics game and establishes the rules. For example, the contest might require teams of two robots to pick up basketballs and place them in a five-foot rack, with the additional complication of having the various robot teams trying to attack each other to disable their "competitors."

Powertrain engineers will play an important role in the success of the project, and the combined imagination of everyone will be required for success.

"This project often involves over 100 extra hours of time from all participants," said Bird. "Once you get into it, the project demands total concentration and effort by all. It's very stimulating." □



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Schools Sing Season's Songs



Preparing for Cory Elementary School's vocal concert on December 4 were (from left): front row – Ashley Bennett, Gabrielle Miller, Kayla Bryk, Nakeya Pinkston, Taque Courtland, and Steven Pratt; back row – Azia Rielly, Angela Baker, Clara Windom, Jaravea Jackson, and Troy Gray.



Vocalist Deborah Street, a third-grade teacher at Barth Elementary, and saxophonist Henry James, Director of the Romulus Community Schools Music Department, joined Barth students to perform a "professional" version of "Have Yourself a Very Merry Christmas" for a packed house.



Preparing to sing "I Saw Mommy Kussin' Santa Claus" at their school concert on December 5 were Romulus Elementary second-graders (from left) Faith Rhinehart, Ashley Navarre, Jena Bragg, Eddie Hitchings, and Michael Ezell.

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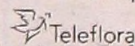
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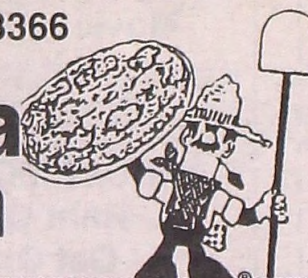
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Holiday Celebrations



By incorporating a holiday theme, planners of the Romulus Community Schools' recent *Fish!* motivational program for support staff (held on December 6) made the event a special occasion. Donations were accepted for the Ruth Fairchild Fund to provide eyeglasses for needy children.



Billy McCraight (standing at right) was among the district officials on hand to greet the *Fish!* party participants, including (from left) Terri Kozik, Kim George, Donna Wilson, Pam Boyd, Brenda Clark, Cathy Hadyniak, Deborah Swanger, Katie McCraight, and Debbie Woolford



Ellen Bragg, receptionist at the district's administrative office, was accompanied by her husband Stan at the annual holiday party for employees, which was held at Progressive Hall on December 8.



Board of Education Treasurer Cheryle Buckley and her husband Ronald also enjoyed the employee party, which featured dinner, socializing, and dancing to the music of DJ Mark Fernández.



Still others among the more than 150 employees and their guests who attended the school district's holiday party were Party Committee members (from left): front row – Linda Madej, Larry Camilleri, Kay Camilleri, Kim Wells, Sharon Howie, Kathy Motoney, and Joann Prater; back row – Terrie McCraight, Stephanie Mitchell, Rick Hadyniak, Pat Malloy, Carole Bales, John Hadyniak, and Eddy Schneider.



The Romulus Chamber of Commerce, the City of Romulus, and the Romulus Economic Development Council held their annual holiday party at the local Best Western Hotel on December 6. Attendees included Chamber executive secretary Barbara Snyder (second from right) and Chamber directors (from left) Mark Lewkowicz, Barbara Lippert, Joseph Kochanoski, and Joel R. Carr.

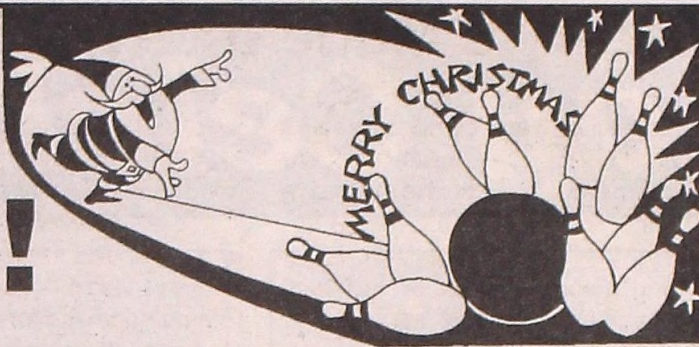


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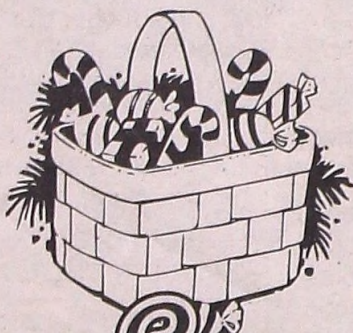


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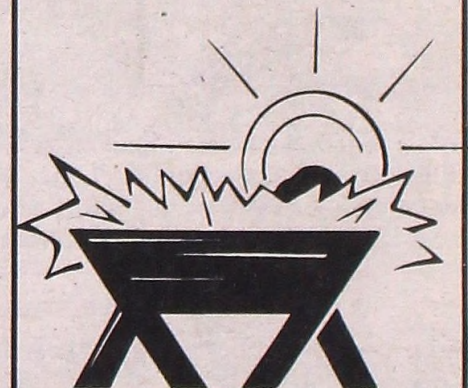
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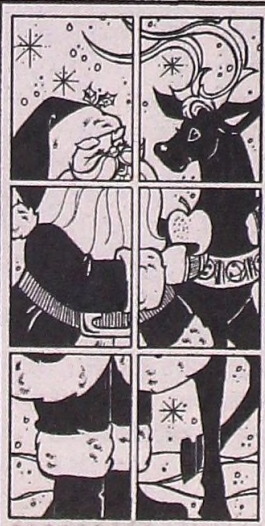
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The 'Stuff' That History's Made of: The Story Behind Stockings

One of the most beloved symbols of generosity at holiday time is the Christmas stocking. From its origins in age-old legend to the present day, the stocking continues to have an important place in the tradition of gift-giving.

While no one can say for certain, many people believe that the custom of stuffing stockings for Christmas began with an act of Saint Nicholas, the original Santa Claus.

A bishop in Asia Minor in the fourth century A.D., Saint Nicholas is credited with many acts of kindness and generosity — most of which were performed at night and in secret.

Among these was the provision of dowries to three sisters who, because of their poverty, were unable to wed. To help each of these young women, Saint Nicholas dropped a bag of gold down the chimney of their home on three separate occasions. The bags fell into their stockings, which were hung out to dry — an accident of fate which was the starting point for a long-lasting custom.

Centuries later, the custom of giving gifts in the name of Saint Nicholas came into being when French nuns began giving presents to the children of poor families on December 5th, the Eve of Saint Nicholas' Day.

These gifts, left secretly for the children to enjoy, were comprised of nuts and exotic fruits — treats that were too expensive to have during the rest of the year.

From these beginnings, the custom of giving presents on Saint Nicholas' Eve spread and took hold, especially in Belgium and the Netherlands.

In these countries, children traditionally left out their wooden shoes, filled with carrots and hay for Saint Nicholas' horses, before they went to bed on Saint Nicholas' Eve. When they awoke in the morning, they hoped to find their shoes filled with small toys and sweets.

Saint Nicholas was a traveler, too, for it was he who, by the early years of the 19th century, had crossed the Atlantic to America, becoming Santa Claus along the way.

Mention is made of Santa Claus in newspaper articles as early as 1773 and, by 1801, when the New York Historical Society organized a Celebration of the Festival of Saint Nicholas, not only Santa Claus, but the stockings he filled had become commonplace.

It must be remembered, of course, that New York, once known as New Amsterdam, boasts Dutch roots. However, it was not a Dutchman, but a man

of Scottish ancestry, Washington Irving, who really brought Santa Claus and stuffed Christmas stockings to the attention of the American public.

In his *A History of New York*, written under the pen name Diedrich Knickerbocker, Irving mentions not only Santa's habit of "drawing forth magnificent presents and dropping them down the chimney of his favorites," but also how stockings hung on Christmas Eve are "found in the morning mysteriously filled."

Today, Christmas stockings still are hung by the chimney, though they are more likely to be bought or homemade expressly for Christmas, rather than simply be one's everyday, homespun hose.

Also, they usually are filled with a wide array of treats, in addition to the traditional nuts and fruits — or even lumps of coal, the customary reward for children who misbehave throughout the year. And, it's not only the children who get stockings, but also mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, and even family pets are likely to have a stocking with their name on it, hanging from the chimney.

This Christmas, be sure to hang your stocking by the chimney. Hopefully, Santa will be generous and leave the entire family stockings stuffed with wonderful treats.

Happy holidays to all. ☐

Fill Those Stockings with Great Goodies

Finding your stocking filled with goodies from Santa is one of the most exciting parts of any Christmas morning. Are you and Santa having trouble filling those stockings? The following is a sample of small "stocking stuffer" gifts that are sure to put a smile on the faces of children of all ages come December 25:

- deck of cards
- comic books
- jump rope
- set of jacks and a rubber ball
- sports trading cards
- set of miniature race cars
- gift certificate to a music store
- scented candles
- calculator
- bubble bath
- concert tickets
- body lotions
- marbles
- books
- mittens and gloves
- pens, pencils and note pads
- jigsaw puzzles
- coloring book and crayons
- cosmetics



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Traditions Mark Hanukkah Celebrations

Hanukkah is one of the most festive holidays in Jewish culture. During this eight-day period, people of the Jewish faith celebrate the victory of Jewish religious and political freedom over the Syrians.

In 165 B.C.E., the lamp in the ancient Hebrew Temple — which continuously burned pure olive oil — was recaptured from the Syrian-Greek army by the Jewish guerrillas. All of the oil vessels were polluted by substances except for one, which contained pure, consecrated olive oil — but there was only enough oil to burn for one day. Miraculously, this oil lasted eight days, allowing the priests enough time to cleanse the Temple and prepare and bless fresh supplies of holy oil.

Although Hanukkah is a holiday that is associated with few religious rituals other than lighting a menorah (oil-burning lamp) for eight consecutive days, it is a time of great celebration. The young children usually receive one small gift for each night of the holiday. People also honor this time

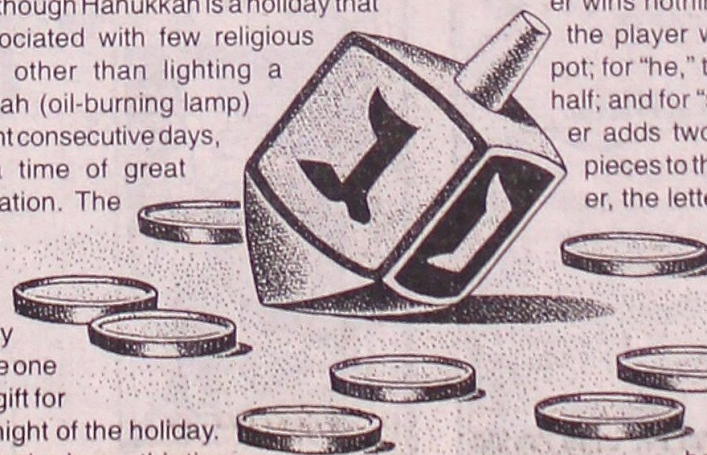
by entertaining family and friends, eating traditional foods (such as potato latkes) that have been deep-fried in oil, and playing games.

One of the most popular games to play is dreidel.

The dreidel is the traditional toy of Hanukkah. Similar to a top, it has four sides, each with a different Hebrew letter marked on it. The letter that is showing when the dreidel lands determines if a player wins or loses.

To play, each player receives about 10 "pieces" — which can be coins (dimes or pennies), small candies, raisins, buttons, or even paper clips. The player then puts one piece in the pot and takes a turn spinning the dreidel. If the dreidel lands showing the letter "nun," the player

wins nothing; for "gimel," the player wins the entire pot; for "he," the player wins half; and for "shin," the player adds two of his or her pieces to the pot. (Together, the letters on the side of the dreidel stand for the Hebrew words which mean "A great miracle happened here.")



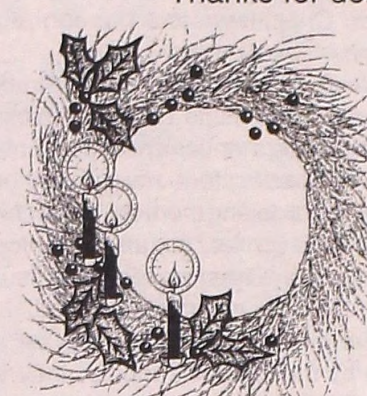


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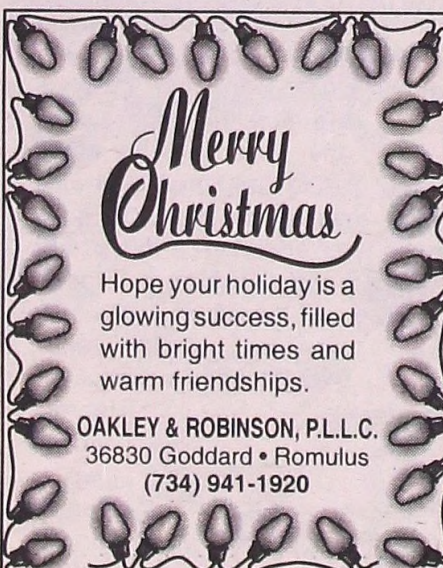
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The perfect touch to many decorations is a large, lavish bow. However, making an attractive bow isn't always easy.

Thankfully, expert crafter Martha Stewart can help.

In *The Best of Martha Stewart Living: Great American Wreaths* (Clarkson Potter), Stewart and Hannah Milman offer instructions on how to tie a beautiful bow. They recommend using a crisp ribbon, such as one made of grosgrain, satin, taffeta or velvet.

In just a few easy steps, anyone can have a perfect bow that's sure to enhance the festive holiday feeling.

(Note: Directions below are illustrated in photos at left.)

Step #1

Cut the ribbon to the desired length. Form it into two equal loops with about 12 inches of ribbon between them.

Step #2

Cross the right loop over the left loop.

Step #3

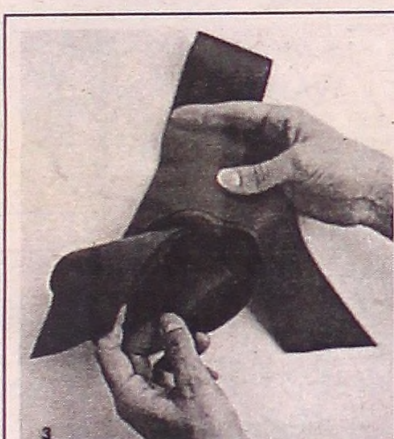
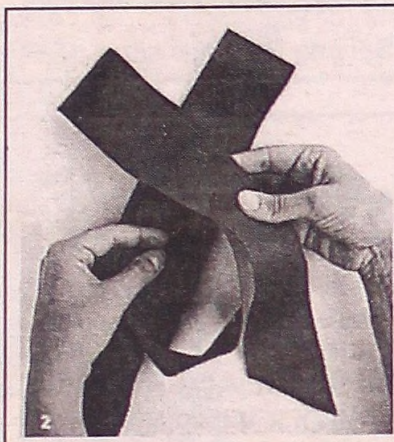
Knot the loops by pushing the right loop behind the left loop, under and through the hole.

Step #4

Pull the knot tight; adjust the loops and tails to the desired size. Lightly fold the ends of the tails and cut, creating a notch.

Step #5

The finished bow is ready to use. Attach it to a wreath or another decoration with green florist's wire. □



Kwanzaa Celebrates Heritage, Good Fortune

Observed from December 26 to January 1, Kwanzaa is an African-American cultural holiday that pays tribute to the rich cultural roots of Americans of African ancestry. It was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana "Ron" Karenga as a way of unifying the African-American family and community through a celebration based on African heritage.

Kwanzaa — named for the Swahili word meaning "first fruits of the harvest" — allows people to reflect upon and discuss their heritage, their good fortune over the past year, and their prospects for the coming year. Based upon the seven principles of imani (faith), kujichagulia (self-determination), kuumba (creativity), nia (purpose), ujamaa (cooperative economics), ujima (collective work and responsibility), and umoja (unity), it encourages the creation and continuation of family traditions.

Each night during the week-long celebration of Kwanzaa, friends and family members gather together to recommit themselves to the basic values of African-American life, and each night, one of seven candles — representing the seven principles of Kwanzaa — is lit. The candle holder, known as a kinara, has three red candles on the left, three green candles on the right, and a black candle in the middle. The colors are the traditional colors of Kwanzaa.

"Food is a big part of most celebrations, and Kwanzaa is no different," says Angela Shelf Medearis, author of *Ideas for Entertaining from the African-American Kitchen* (Dutton Books). "During the seven-day holiday, I cook recipes that contain ingredients used by African cooks as a way of honoring our ancestral heritage."

To help celebrate with delicious, culturally rich foods, Medearis offers recipes for the Karamu feast, which is held on the sixth day of Kwanzaa. "The Karamu is a feast which gathers together family and friends to celebrate culture, ancestors and community," she

explains. "A program is presented, gifts are exchanged, and a wonderful variety of foods — usually rooted in African culture — are served."

Whether you are hosting the feast, or participating in someone else's, the following dishes are sure to be a hit.

West African Couscous

(makes 6 to 8 servings)

- 1/2 cup peanut or salad oil
- 2 medium-sized yellow onions, sliced
- 1 4- to 5-pound roasting chicken, cut into 8 pieces, washed, and patted dry
- 2 teaspoons turmeric
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 10 1/2-ounce cans condensed chicken broth
- 3 carrots, peeled and halved crosswise
- 3 white turnips, peeled and cut into quarters
- 1 small head cabbage, cut into wedges
- 1 small eggplant, sliced crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 zucchini, sliced
- 1 16-ounce can chickpeas, drained
- 2 cups hot water
- 1 cup dark raisins
- 1 16-ounce package couscous or semolina
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted

Heat the oil over medium heat in a large Dutch oven. Add the onion and sauté until tender, about 3 minutes, then remove from the pot. Add the chicken to the oil and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, turning on all sides to brown evenly. Add the onions, 1 1/2 teaspoons of the turmeric, the cumin, allspice, salt, cayenne pepper, garlic, bay leaves, and chicken broth. Mix well. Add the carrots, turnips, and cabbage. Cover and cook for 20 minutes. Add the eggplant and zucchini and cook for another 20 minutes. Add the chickpeas, cover, and cook for another 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, pour the hot water over the raisins. Set aside until raisins are moist and plump. Prepare the couscous according to the instructions on the package. Drain the raisins and add them to the couscous. Mix in the butter and the remaining 1/2 teaspoon turmeric. Mound the couscous in the center of a large serving platter. Arrange the chicken and vegetables around the couscous. Transfer the remaining sauce to a gravy boat and serve on the side.

Okra Fingers

(makes 8 servings)

- 40 small fresh okra pods, washed, stems trimmed, and patted dry
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Vegetable oil, for frying

Place the okra in a shallow container. Pour the buttermilk over the okra. Set aside. Combine the flour, cornmeal, baking powder, salt and pepper on a plate, mixing well. Roll the okra pods in the flour mixture until coated on all sides.

Heat the oil for frying to 375°F in a deep skillet. Place the okra in the hot oil and fry for 3 minutes. Turn the okra once and fry for another 2 to 3 minutes or until lightly brown. Drain on paper towels.

Karamu Warmer

(makes 2 1/2 quarts)

- 2 quarts apple juice
- 2 cups canned orange juice
- 1 1/2 cups pineapple juice
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves

Combine the apple, orange, pineapple and lemon juices, sugar, cinnamon, and cloves in a large Dutch oven or pot, and simmer over low heat for 30 minutes. Strain and serve hot.

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Have fun!

Rich Rolled Sugar Cookies

(makes 2½ to 3½ dozen 2½-inch to 3½-inch cookies)

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly grease cookie sheets. Using an electric mixer, beat until very fluffy and well blended:

- 1 cup (8 ounces) unsalted butter, softened
- ¾ cup sugar

Add and beat in until evenly incorporated:

- 1 large egg
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla

Stir in until well blended and smooth:
2⅓ cups all-purpose flour

Divide the dough in half and shape into circles. Place each circle between large sheets of wax paper. Roll out a scant ¼-inch thick, checking the underside frequently and smoothing out any creases. Keeping the wax paper in place, layer the rolled dough on a tray and refrigerate for 20 to 30 minutes, or until cold and slightly firm but not hard.

Working with one portion of the dough (leave the other refrigerated), gently peel away and replace one sheet of the wax paper. (This will make it easier to lift the cookies from the paper

later.) Peel off and discard the second layer. Using 2-inch or 3-inch cutters, cut out cookies. With a wide spatula, carefully transfer them from the wax paper to the cookie sheets, spacing them about 1 inch apart. Roll any dough scraps between wax paper and continue cutting out cookies until all the dough is used. If the dough becomes too warm to handle at any point, refrigerate it again briefly. If desired, very lightly sprinkle the cookies with:

Sprinkles/decorating sugar

Bake, one sheet at a time, in the upper third of the oven for six to nine minutes, or until cookies are just slightly colored on top and slightly darker at the edges. Rotate sheets halfway through baking for even browning. Transfer sheets to wire racks and let the cookies firm up, to one to two minutes. Then, transfer the cookies to wire racks and let stand until thoroughly cool. If desired, decorate with Royal Icing.

Store, airtight, for one or two weeks, or freeze for up to one month.

Royal Icing

In a microwave-proof bowl, stir until thoroughly combined:

- 2 large egg whites
- 1⅓ cups powdered sugar


Microwave on high until the mixture reaches 160°F but does not exceed 175°F on an instant-read thermometer, about 1½ to 2 minutes. Check every 30 to 45 seconds, remembering to remove the thermometer before restarting the microwave. If the first temperature readings do not reach 160°F, wash the thermometer thoroughly before taking additional readings. Add:

- 1⅓ cups powdered sugar

Using an electric mixer, beat at high speed until the icing is cool and holds stiff peaks when beaters are lifted. □



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Community Calendar

- **Youtheatre Offers *Goodnight, Opus*** – Youtheatre's Wiggle Club (for children age three and over) will present *Goodnight, Opus* – another lovely blacklight production direct from the Mermaid Theatre Company of Nova Scotia – on Saturday, December 15 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, December 16 (2 p.m.), at the Millennium Centre (15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$10 at the door. Group discounts are available. (Note: Youtheatre will also host its second annual "Snack with Santa" event before and after each *Opus* performance. Times are 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:15 p.m. on Saturday; 12:30 and 3:15 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are just \$5 per child for cookies, milk, and a keepsake photo with Santa.) Call 248-557-PLAY (7529) for info.
- **Enter City's "Best-decorated House" Contest** – To enter your home, or the home of a friend or neighbor, in the City's annual "Best-decorated House" contest, contact the Romulus Recreation Department (734-942-6852) by Monday, December 17, and leave your name, address, and phone number. Houses will be judged on originality, time spent decorating, and overall beauty. Winners will be contacted by phone.
- **Tour City's Decorated Homes** – This program invites adults only to take a bus tour of the City to judge the Romulus Recreation Department's annual contest for the best-decorated house. The bus will depart from the Center at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, and return at approximately 9 p.m. Cost is \$1. Deadline for registration is Monday, December 17. For more information, call 734-942-6852.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: December 19) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information about the club or its reading list, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Holiday Services at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend the following: Advent Service (7 p.m. on December 19); Children's Program (December 24, 6:30 p.m.); Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion (10 p.m.); Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion (10 a.m.); and New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion (7 p.m.).
- **Charity Christmas Skating Party/Family Fun Day** – SCANN (Sumpter Community Addressing Neighborhood Needs) is inviting everyone to attend its Charity Christmas Skating Party and Family Fun Day, set for 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 22, at the Sumpter Roller Rink (19750 Sumpter Road, Belleville). A cost of \$8 includes skates and a hot dog; proceeds will go toward a summer camp program.
- **Fire Department Hosts New Year's Eve Party** – The City of Romulus Fire Department is inviting the public to attend its annual New Year's Eve Party, which will be held at Romulus Progressive Hall from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Tickets (\$35 per person; \$55 per couple) include dinner (served at 8 p.m.), a champagne toast, beer, setups, DJ music by ESP, and door prizes. For tickets, call Jim (734-941-7195) or George (734-721-3552).
- **MLK Celebration Set** – On January 21, 2002, Romulus youths, teachers, senior citizens, business members, government officials, and religious and nonprofit organizations will join together to remember, celebrate, and act in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A "Walk for Warmth" will begin in the parking lot at Romulus City Hall (southeast corner of Wayne and Goddard roads) at 9 a.m., then proceed down Wayne Road to Romulus High School, where a light breakfast will be served, followed by an uplifting program in the school auditorium. (School buses will transport participants back to City Hall at the end of the program.) Participants are encouraged to bring banners, signs, and flags, as well as new hats, mittens/gloves, scarves, and/or socks for donation to local agencies that service Romulus citizens. For more information, contact Kathy Hurst, Service Learning Coordinator for Romulus Community Schools, at 734-941-2170, ext. 809.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

Closed for the Holidays

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed on Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25; and Tuesday, January 1.

2001 Holiday Gala

A few tickets still remain for the Romulus Senior Center's annual Holiday Gala, to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel on Wednesday, December 26, beginning at noon. The event will feature music (courtesy of a great new DJ), dancing, and prizes, as well as a delicious meal of London broil, potatoes, veggies, garden salad, rolls, beverage, and apple pie *a la mode*. Cost is just \$10 per person. Transportation will be available for those who need it.

Sign up at the Center.

Line Dancing

Local seniors interested in line dancing are invited to attend a beginners' class (slow and easy) that meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (cost: \$2 per class), or a class for slightly more advanced students that meets on Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. (cost: \$3 per class).

Join in now and learn to line dance in time for the Holiday Gala!

Computer Classes

Openings are still available in two upcoming sessions of computer classes for senior citizens. To learn more, call or stop in at the Romulus Senior Center.

Meijer Shopping

Seniors who lack other means of transportation for grocery shopping can ride the Romulus Senior Center's van, free of charge, to the Belleville Meijer store on Thursday, December 27. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- **Casino Windsor**
(December 18; \$10);
- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(January 26; \$12); and

Geritol Follies

(February 28; \$70).

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 1 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, December 17, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center for an appointment.

Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Crime Watch

The Romulus Police Department's next Crime Watch crime-prevention program will be held at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 27.

New faces welcome.

Support Group Available

"Over the holidays, we may experience even more loneliness, sadness, and depression than normal," says Linda Norman, Program Coordinator for the Romulus Senior Center. "One great method of fighting these feelings is to attend support-group meetings such as the ones we hold weekly at the Romulus Senior Center."

Norman urges everyone interested in exploring the Center's support group to attend one of its meetings, which are held each Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. The group is open to all, and costs nothing to join.

Free Tax Preparation

Beginning February 6 and continuing through April 10, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as those for homestead property taxes, home-heating credits, and prescription credits.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. □

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REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 26, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 26, 2001, was called to order by Vice-president Debbie Dick at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations opened for the Office of President:

11/01/07 Moved by McCraight supported by Woods to nominate Debbie Dick as President. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of President was closed. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for the Office of Vice-president:

11/01/08 Moved by Lenossi supported by Buckley to nominate Billy McCraight as Vice-president. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Vice-president was closed. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for the Office of Secretary:

11/01/09 Moved by McCraight supported by Buckley to nominate Betty Lenossi as Secretary. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Secretary was closed. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for the Office of Treasurer:

11/01/10 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to nominate Cheryle Buckley as Treasurer. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Treasurer was closed. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

11/01/11 Moved by McCraight supported by Buckley to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

11/01/12 Moved by McCraight supported by Buckley that the Board approve the Minutes of November 12, 2001, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Two candidates were selected by the Board Ad Hoc Committee for interviews. Board of Education interviewed one candidate for Board of Education. Items discussed: Background, Qualifications, Strengths and Skills, Teamwork Ability, Commitment, and Goals.

11/01/13 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the Board of Education convene into Executive Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened in regular session at 6:55 p.m.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions.

EMPLOYMENT – FYI: Jamie Vince, Kindergarten Aide, Merriman Elementary, Effective November 12, 2001.

EMPLOYMENT: Sara Rollins, Kindergarten Teacher, Romulus Elementary, Effective November 19, 2001.

11/01/14 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the Board of Education approve employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

11/01/15 Moved by McCraight supported by Frayer to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adoption of Bylaws

11/01/16 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the Board of Education adopt the proposed Bylaws as recommended by the Policy Committee effective November 26, 2001. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Closed-circuit Television Security System

11/01/17 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board of Education adopt the Finance Committee's recommendation to have Sonitrol Security Systems install a closed-circuit television security system at Romulus High School for \$79,856.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Curriculum Presentation

Paul Niedermeyer, Sharon Grandell, Pat Adams, and Chris Powers were present to update the Board of Education on the Science Program. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications or expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board: (1) Recap of School/Community Meeting and (2) Teen Health Clinic Memo.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Debbie Dick congratulated Cory students for such a good job on Closed-circuit TV Channel 1. She also stated that the Veteran's Day program at Barth was great. Mrs. Dick further questioned that Romulus is scheduled to host the League Meet for Track and expressed concern about Romulus not having Pole Vaulting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11/01/18 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:45 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Appointment of new Board member was rescheduled for a Special Meeting to be held on November 28, 2001, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

11/01/19 Moved by Woods supported by McCraight that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 28, 2001

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, November 28, 2001, was called to order by President Debbie Dick at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call showed members Michael Woods, April Frayer, Cheryle Buckley, Betty Lenossi, and Debbie Dick present. Member Billy McCraight excused. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, were present.

Billy McCraight entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 6:20 p.m.

INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Second candidate to be interviewed stated that, due to commitments on Monday evenings, it would be difficult to fully participate in all Board meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS:

11/01/21 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

President Dick announced that the Board would be publishing, in local newspapers, an

advertisement for anyone interested in making application for consideration to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education. The deadline for filing will be Monday, December 3, 2001, at 12:00 noon. The Board Ad Hoc Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. to determine those candidates to be interviewed at a Special Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2001, at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Carr made the Board of Education aware of the FISH afternoon for support staff – scheduled at the High School cafeteria on December 6, 2001, starting at noon – for any interested Board members who might like to attend.

Mr. Carr also made the Board of Education aware of the District Christmas Party, scheduled for December 8, 2001, 6:30 p.m., at Progressive Hall, City of Romulus.

ADJOURNMENT:

11/01/22 Moved by Woods supported by McCraight that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Obituary

Earl A. DeCoster

Earl A. DeCoster of Romulus, Michigan, died Wednesday, November 28, 2001, at the age of 74.

The native of Wyandotte, Michigan, was born on January 20, 1927.

Among those surviving Earl are one son, Dennis E. DeCoster; three daughters, Karrol J. Gilbeau, Sharon I. Braelli, and Joanne D. Cagle; three brothers, Elmer DeCoster, Jack DeCoster, and

Bernie DeCoster; two sisters, Bev and Shirley; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, December 1, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Gary Villeneuve (Community Church of Christ, Riverview, Michigan) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). □



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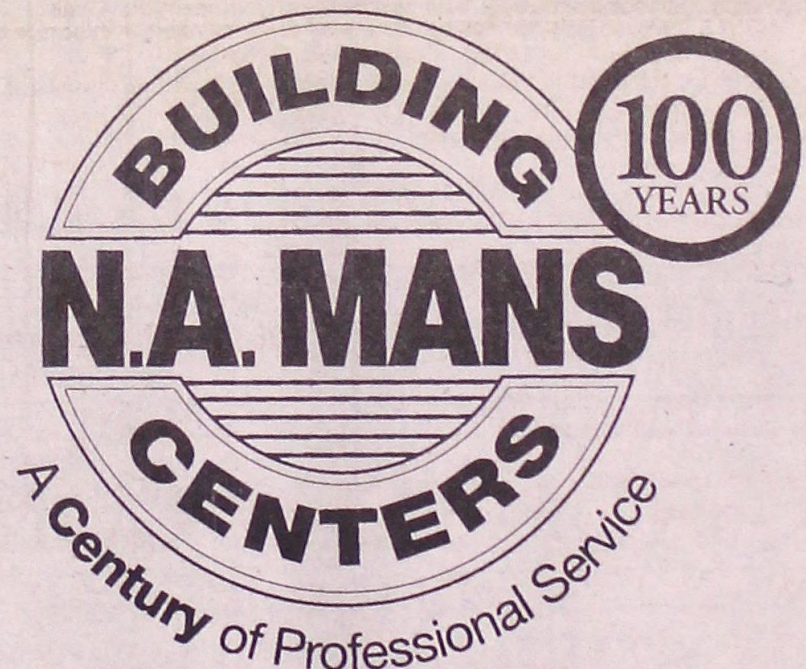
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Romulus High School's Mega Gold champ Cross-country Team included four All-League selections: senior Trumayne Anderson (not pictured) and sophomores Richard Davis (left), Jeremiah Yeager (second from left), and Darnell Anderson (right). Adrian Simmons (second from right) was the fifth-place finisher for Romulus. Coach Ryan Wilson (center) has even higher hopes for his young team next year.

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